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NOTE FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: [redacted]
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SUBJECT: Memorandum [redacted]

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Attached for your signature is a letter [redacted] forwarding a courtesy copy of the proposed Concept Paper and Terms of Reference for SNIE 3-85: "If Oil Prices Decline: Political and Economic Implications." The Concept Paper and TORs were circulated on 11 March in preparation for a Community coordination meeting on 19 March.

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[redacted] Acting Assistant Deputy Director for Estimates at DOD will review the proposal and discuss it with [redacted] [redacted] will then decide if they need any action from us beyond the SNIE such as a separate paper on the Soviet threat to Persian Gulf facilities or a briefing by Dave Tarbell, ISA, [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Deputy Director for Foreign Intelligence
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FROM:

Robert M. Gates
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

Request for Update of NIE 3-2-84: "World
Oil Market Outlook" (C)

1. I hope you find the attached Concept Paper and Terms of Reference for a SNIE on the impact of an oil price decline responsive to Admiral Watkins' request for an update of NIE 3-2-84 on the world oil market. The Terms of Reference are being circulated to the Community this week in preparation for a meeting on 19 March. (C)

2. You will note that the paper focuses on the economic and political impact of a major decline in prices with a relatively small analytic section on the present state of the oil market. The paper will try to draw out the longer-term implications of a price decline for our dependence on oil from the Persian Gulf and Europe's reliance on imported energy including Soviet gas. (S)

3. If you have any questions, please call me or [REDACTED] (U)

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